

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 13, 2003

**FROM: KEN MILLER, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – REGIONAL PARKS DIVISION**

**SUBJECT: BIG FISH STORIES READING CONTEST FISHING TRIP AND PICNIC AT GLEN
HELEN REGIONAL PARK**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Find that waiving the admission, fishing, and waterslide fees for participants of the “Big Fish Stories Reading Contest” fishing trip and picnic at Glen Helen Regional Park serves the public purpose of promoting literacy and reading for fun and information.
2. Waive the admission, fishing, and waterslide fees for participants of the “Big Fish Stories Reading Contest” fishing trip and picnic at Glen Helen Regional Park on May 23, 2003.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: As part of his commitment to education, Assemblymember John Longville initiated a multi-district reading contest referred to as the Big Fish Stories Reading Contest. Children from the San Bernardino, Colton, Fontana and Rialto Unified School Districts participated in this event. Two fourth grade classes from each of the four districts took part in reading contests that were held between January 21 and March 21, 2003. To acknowledge all participants of the reading contests, an event has been scheduled on May 23, 2003 at Glen Helen Regional Park. The top three students from each district will be recognized with special prizes and all participants will enjoy a day of picnicking, the waterslides and fishing at the Park. Approximately 300 students will be bused to the Park for that day. The Regional Parks Division recommends Board approval of this item because it would allow participants of the Big Fish Stories Reading Contest to enter Glen Helen Regional Park and enjoy a day of fishing and waterslides free of charge. County Code Section 16.0231 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to waive fees when the waiver serves a public purpose. Approval of this item would also provide good exposure for Glen Helen Regional Park.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Fiona Luke, Deputy County Counsel, on May 5, 2003, and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on May 5, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item will have minimal financial impact on Regional Parks. Without the waiver, Regional Parks would expect to receive approximately \$2,000 in admission, waterslide, and fishing fees from this event.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): Second

PRESENTER: Thomas A. Potter, Chief of Regional Parks, 387-2340

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